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TAGS: OVIP (CODEL JOHNSTON, J. BENNETT)

SUBJECT: VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES OF CODEL JOHNSTON

1. IN COURSE OF BRIEF VISIT TO MANILA JANUARY 1 AND 2, CODEL JOHNSTON WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT MARCOS AND MET REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLING OF PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT, PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY AT LARGE RECEPTION HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR. CODEL JOHNSTON ALSO HAD USEFUL PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS AT RECEPTION WITH OUR BASE COMMANDERS FROM SUBIC AND CLARK.

2. THE AMBASSADOR REVIEWED FOR THE CODEL THE CURRENT STATE OF US-PHILIPPINE RELATIONS, FOCUSSED ESPECIALLY ON THE MILITARY BASES AND ON ECONOMIC ISSUES. IN CALL ON PRESIDENT MARCOS, CONVERSATION WAS RATHER GENERALIZED, WITH CONSIDERABLE FOCUS ON U.S. NATIONAL ELECTION PROSPECTS IN 1976, ASEAN DEVELOPMENTS, STATE OF SUGAR MARKET AND FUTURE OF MICRONESIA. ON LATTER TWO POINTS, SENATOR (A) EXPRESSED DOUBT U.S. WOULD REVIVE SUGAR QUOTA LEGISLATION AND (B) INDICATED THERE ARE NO RPT NO CURRENT U.S. PLANS TO BUILD MILITARY BASES IN MARIANAS.

3. EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICERS PROVIDED CODEL WITH FULL BRIEFING ON THE CASE OF MISSING AMERICAN JOURNALIST, FRANK
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4. CODEL EXPRESSED OPTIMISM ABOUT THE COURSE OF U.S.-
PHILIPPINE RELATIONS AND WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH
PRESIDENT MARCOS.
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